

A3 45. A tool as in claim 43, wherein the dimensions vary continuously from the first end to the second end.

46. A tool as in claim 43, wherein both the shape and dimensions vary from the first end to the second end.

47. A tool as in claim 46, wherein both the shape and dimensions vary continuously from the first end to the second end.

48. A tool as in claim 43, wherein the shape at the first end is different from the shape at the second end.

49. A tool as in claim 43, wherein the shape at the first end is the same as the shape at the second end, and the shape along the intermediate portion is different from the shape at the first and second ends.

50. A tool comprising a cutting edge that extends from a first end to a second end and has an intermediate portion between the first end and the second end, the cutting edge having a controlled hone formed on it, the hone having a first shape and first dimensions at the first end, a second shape and second dimensions at the second end, and an intermediate shape and intermediate dimensions along the intermediate portion.

51. A tool as in claim 50, wherein the first shape and the second shape are substantially the same.

52. A tool as in claim 50, wherein the first shape and the second shape are substantially the same and the intermediate shape is variable between the first end and the second end.

53. A tool as in claim 52, wherein the intermediate shape varies continuously from the first end to the second end.